

Child, Youth and Family Services Division

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NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION		
TO:	All School Nutrition Program Sponsors County Superintendents of Schools Diocesan Superintendents of Schools	ISSUE DATE: August 2000
ATTENTION:	Food Service Directors	
FROM:	Education and Training Unit	
SUBJECT:	Competitive Food Regulations	
REFERENCE:	7 Code of Federal Regulations 210; California Education Code 39876, 48931; Title 5, Sections 15500 and 15501; Management Bulletin 95-127 on Competitive Foods Model Language; and Management Advisory 93-114 on Competitive Food Regulations.	

This Management Bulletin summarizes federal and state regulations regarding competitive foods (Attachment I). There are no new regulations or changes in the law since Management Advisory 93-114 was disseminated in June 1993. The goal of this management bulletin is to provide clarification on both the federal and state requirements.

A copy of a policy established by the California State Board of Education on the quality of foods available to students in California public schools and the establishment of local policies on food and beverage sales is included (Attachment II). Competitive foods model language from the United States Department of Agriculture is also provided to assist with the development of a local nutrition policy (Attachment III).

A districtwide nutrition policy is strongly encouraged. Many school-related organizations endorse and advocate for the development of school nutrition policies. For example, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) adopted a resolution stating that "The California State PTA, recognizes that children must be well nourished to achieve the optimal quality of life . . . and foods available on school premises should provide for the nutritional well-being of children and be considered as carefully as other educational support services. Schools should promote comprehensive health programs that include nutrition services and nutrition education for students, staff, and parents." In addition, both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) have recently released sample school nutrition policies. You may obtain more information on the NASBE materials or order their publication entitled Fit, Health, & Ready to Learn: A School Health Policy Guide electronically at <http://www.nasbe.org>.

In response to numerous concerns, we are currently reviewing state laws, regulations, and policies regarding food sales on school campuses with the State Board of Education's Child Nutrition Advisory Council. As part of this effort, we are convening a Healthy School Environment Policy Action Summit on September 27-28, 2000, in collaboration with a number of partners. Standards

for foods and beverages on school campus will be a key focus area at the Summit. The invitation and registration information is provided in Attachment IV. We will continue to provide updates and request your input as we proceed through this process. Your comments at this time are welcome and should be addressed to:

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